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SUBJECT: LEGISLATION AFFECTING BOLIVIA '79 PROGRAM OPTIONS

REF: COSTELLO-GEIGER TELCON 5/3/78

1. SFRC SUBCOMMITTEE MET 5/4 AND 5/5 TO MARK UP '79
AUTHORIZATION BILL. SUBCOMMITTEE CONSIDERED AMENDMENT
PROPOSING FOR INCLUSION IN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
AUTHORIZATION BILL AN ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND (ESF) WHICH
WOULD REPLACE CURRENT SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE (SSA)
PROGRAM. AMENDMENT WAS BASED ON LANGUAGE FROM BILL (H.R.
12222) AS REPORTED OUT ON HOUSE SIDE FROM HIRC, WHICH IN
TURN WAS BASED ON CONCEPT AND LANGUAGE FROM SO-CALLED
HUMPHREY BILL. H.R. 12222 INCLUDES REPEAL OF FAA SECTION
115.

2. SUBCOMMITTEE OFFICIALLY CARRIED OVER THIS ISSUE FOR
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CONSIDERATION BY FULL SFRC THIS WEEK. UNOFFICIALLY, THEY
APPARENTLY HAVE AGREED TO ADOPT OVERALL ESF CONCEPT BUT
TO LOCATE AUTHORITY FOR ESF IN THE SEPARATE SECURITY
ASSISTANCE '79 AUTHORIZATION BILL. FAA SECTION 115 HOWEVER
WOULD NOT BE REPEALED. - -

3. IF FLOOR ACTION IN BOTH HOUSES FOLLOWS IN LINE WITH

COMMITTEE ACTIONS, AS IS EXPECTED, REPEAL OF SECTION 115 WOULD THUS BECOME A CONFERENCE ISSUE. THIS HAS NEGATIVE IMPACT ON YOUR OPTIONS FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, RESOLUTION OF ISSUE LIKELY IS DELAYED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AWAITING CONFERENCE PROCESS FOR AGREEMENT ON DIFFERING PROVISIONS. SECOND, SUPPORT FOR SECTION 115 IS STRONG ON SENATE SIDE AND LIKELIHOOD IS THAT HOUSE WOULD REcede TO SENATE ON THIS ISSUE IN CONFERENCE.

4. BASED ON THESE ASSUMPTIONS AND FURTHER ASSUMPTION THAT IT IS TOO LATE TO USE EXISTING SECTION 115 PROCEDURE TO INCLUDE NEW ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS IN PENDING BASIC AUTHORIZATION BILLS (N.B. EXCEPTION POSSIBLE BUT ONLY IF ISSUE IS OF HIGHEST USG PRIORITY), REMAINING ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO SUBMIT SEPARATE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO '79 AUTHORIZATION LEGISLATION LATER IN THE YEAR. SUCH COURSE OF ACTION IS FRAUGHT WITH POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES AND STRONG PRESUMPTION OPERATES AGAINST THAT APPROACH. VANCE

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